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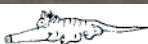
Eileen, Ann, and Chris heading in for a fall swim at Silvershell Beach.
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Jeffrey and Melanie Perry of Rochester visited the island of Crete in Greece and brought along The Wanderer!



Town Beach reflection. Photo by Jennifer Shepley



Strawberry Point from Cedar Street at Point Connett. Courtesy Ruth A. Griffin



Manuel & Felizarda Pina Park dedication September 26. Photos by Robert Pina

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Notes, Keys for Clock Tower

First Congressional Church of Marion 'Musical Belles'

By Sam Bishop

On Sunday, September 28, patrons to the "Musical Belles" event held at the First Congressional Church of Marion were treated to a spirited performance by flutist Wendy Rolfe and Pianist Deborah DeWolf Emery.

Rolfe is one of the nation's leading performers of both historic and modern flutes. Currently, she is a Professor of Flute at Berklee College of Music in New York and tours the globe, having performed in concert in Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Finland, and China.

Emery is a trained pianist soloist, having studied at the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music in Ohio. Alongside being a prestigious soloist, she has also served as a pianist for the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

The duo's program that Sunday night ranged from classical selections to lighter, more contemporary pieces, offering something for every listener. Beginning with *Atrahente* by Gonzaga and *Songs Without Words* by Delphine von Schauoth, the arrangement slowly drifted from the 1800s through the past century into more modern, like *Frevo - Canção - Bossa* by Aquino. The church's rich acoustics carried each note beautifully, creating a sense of intimacy despite the full pews. Audience members were especially charmed by the interplay between the two musicians.

The concert was mainly a benefit for the church's restoration. Each \$25 ticket went towards the goal of \$150,000 in funding for restoration work of the church's clock tower. The original clock from 1860 was electrified in 1954 and needs much work some 70 years later to become operable again.

On the Cover: Pictured is Flutist Wendy Rolfe, who was accompanied by pianist Deborah DeWolf Emery in performing Sunday afternoon within The First Congressional Church of Marion. The "Musical Belles" event was hosted by the church to fundraise for the restoration of the church's clock tower.

Ethan Allen's Capture

This Week In Revolutionary History...

By Sam Bishop

This week in Revolutionary War History, let's discuss what was going on 250 years ago in and around the colonial Province of Massachusetts Bay.

Last week was busy: Washington attempted to maintain his land claims to nearly 20,000 acres in what would become Ohio; Washington works with Nicholas Cooke to permit merchants in Providence to buy arms and powder in the Caribbean; a mutiny aboard the American schooner the *Hannah* occurred, leading to the flogging of 13 and fines for another 21 sailors; and finally,

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the Continental Congress began to amass resources to get the army through the encroaching winter.

On September 24, 1775, Washington's General Orders, following the court martial of Major Scarborough Gridley for "being deficient in his duty upon the 17th June last, the day of the Action upon Bunkers-hill," declare the desire to name and index all soldiers in the army, per request from the Massachusetts House of Representatives. The main information needed by the governing body is troop count in order to ascertain supply needs for the winter. They need to know who is stationed around Boston, who is heading north to Quebec, and who is dead.

Of the voyage to Quebec, Colonel Benedict Arnold writes to Washington on September 25, telling the general of their arrival to Fort Weston, District of Maine (near Augusta). This same day further north, Ethan Allen, hero of Fort Ticonderoga and a leader of the Green Mountain Boys, is captured following his defeat at the Battle of Longue Pointe just outside Montreal. Allen would remain a prisoner aboard British ships until a prisoner exchange nearly three years later in 1778.

The next day, Nicholas Cooke of Rhode Island cautions against future trips to Bermuda for arms and powder. He instead re-emphasizes the proposition discussed last week of sending ships to Bayonne, France to pick up from friendly merchants. He states he will forward this plan to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. His writings also highlight the importance of Falmouth, being the origin point of more possible supply trips to Bermuda.

On September 28, the Canadian Brigantine *Dolphin* is found anchored off Thatcher Island near Gloucester. The Gloucester Committee of Safety writes to Washington to inform him the ship was carrying 68 sheep and 45 oxen, a gift to British soldiers stationed in Boston from merchants in Quebec. A few days later, he would order the *Dolphin* to be seized, and cargo sold by the committee.

Also on September 28, Washington writes to the Massachusetts General Court informing them of communications he's received from the Oneida tribe, a member of Haudenosaunee (Iroquois Confederacy). He

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states of a visiting representative, "his tribe has been very friendly to the cause of the united colonies." Washington emphasized this meeting's importance to the court and urges further cooperation to sway the people into joining the conflict more directly.

On September 29, Nicholas Cooke writes to Washington to inform him that the 74 men stationed on Block Island have observed "six transports, with some ships of war, are now in the Vineyard Sound, designed, without doubt, to procure another supply of fresh stock." The British ships are patrolling the waters, looking to raid and capture provisions and livestock.

On September 30, Washington's General Orders highlight the postponement of a court hearing between surgeons and Chief Physician & Director General Benjamin Church of Newport. Doctor Church, the day prior, had been found to have "carried on with the enemy" following the deciphering of his letters. His trial would be discussed at an official Council of War on October 3.

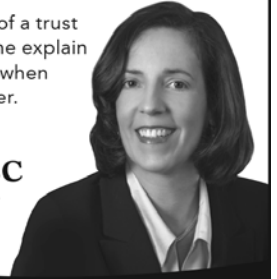
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Finding Solace in Nature

The Seaside Gardener

By Laura McLean

Mother Nature is a healer. Some of the gladdest moments a person can have are footsteps away - in the outdoors where the vibe is always comforting and consoling. I've been doing just that for a few days after a misstep led to a sprained foot that necessitated slowing down.

What initially seems untenable and unfair becomes decidedly something you can bear, spurred on by the sunshine and the sounds of nature - which have inherent healing powers. My preferred "sit spot" is an alfresco sofa on a patio with a view of the garden, a small

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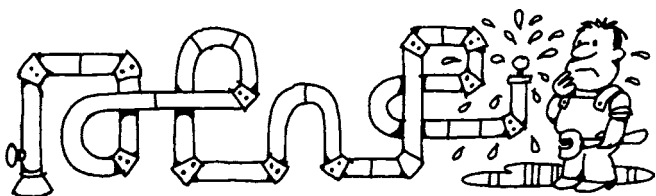
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fishpond, and a glorious tree known colloquially as a "Seven Sons Tree."

My late friend, the horticulturist Allen C. Haskell, recommended planting this stunning tree as a focal point in our front garden. Its proper name is *Heptacodium miconioides* and it is noted for its clusters of seven flower buds, fragrant white flowers and peeling tan bark. It is native to China, specifically the mountains of Hubei Province where it is considered rare and vulnerable to extinction. Thanks to the British plant collector Ernest Wilson, it was introduced to Western horticulture in 1907 and later became more widely available in the United States through seeds sent from the Arnold Arboretum in the early 1980s.

In the fall, the quietude of this spot beneath the Seven Sons vanishes with the arrival of the bees. Before you see them, you hear them; loud and insistent, their drone is at a fever pitch now. Unlike most flowering trees that bloom in spring, this one saves up the show for autumn and the bees - honey bees and bumble bees - make their pilgrimage in full frenzied ecstasy.

It's sensational to lie beneath this mountainous white canopy fully enveloped by the scene. Gazing up you can see their tiny bodies move in arc-like patterns with the precision and dexterity of trapeze artists. They dive into the frothy effervescence of flora, and quickly resurface, moving from bloom to bloom methodically. Watching them has become an annual event here and as a beekeeper it makes me feel very connected.

Getting a close look at the bees you will see them gathering pollen, storing it in combs on their hind legs.

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When full, these leg sacs resemble cowboy chaps. The insects' subtle movements send a show of white blossoms down on the seats and table below. The dispensed petals land ever so lightly on the brick terrace and plants below - collecting in the groove between hosta stem and leaf-like foam. It's as soft and quiet as the falling snow it foreshadows. The scene is suggestive of the confetti



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tossed by well-wishers at a wedding... a happy mess. I sweep it away, but it continues to fall, so the surfaces are reglazed again, with the bees' agitations. It's a lovely sight - and when the show is finally over after weeks of the bee delirium, the tree reveals vivid red, fan-shaped bracts, which give the appearance of it blooming anew.

And so it happens... The last sail. The final plunge into the sea. Shortening daylight. And so many other "endings." Astonishing how it all happens so suddenly. We're never prepared for it.

Do you remember those childhood summers when the days seemed to stretch on forever? One-two-three redlight! We'd play until dusk, until our mothers called us home. But the game never really ended - it

waited for us, ready to begin again the next evening. We didn't think in terms of time back then. Each day blended into the next - we didn't have to check off or hoard the experience. We'd happily chase the summer's fireflies, creatures as elusive and fleeting as summer itself. You cannot bottle either after all.

Not to sound lugubrious. But we all admit that the summer, even with its hot, humid, harried days is the season of life let loose. It's the main attraction, the one season we adults measure and countdown - in an attempt to seize it fully.

An hour 'til sunset, an outline of a waxing moon is visible over the tree line, and the smell of fresh mown lawn lingers while the cricket's steady song continues. By the front lamppost a ruffle of pink roses punctuates the scene. Life in the garden continues. For a moment I'm transported to a June evening. And then a little chill intrudes, proving it's just a deception after all. You can no more call it back than your own youth. We have arrived into the next season and there is no turning back.

*"The song is ended, But the melody lingers on" -
Irving Berlin*

Is Acetaminophen Harmful in Pregnancy?

What Does The Doctor Say?

By Dr. Edward Hoffer

The short answer to that question is: probably not but we cannot be certain.

Let me beg your indulgence in an explanation about why that is the only honest answer I can give you.

The "gold standard" in assessing the risks and benefits of any medication is the "controlled trial". In such a trial, a large group of people are randomly assigned to drug A or drug B or to Drug A or placebo. This tends to ensure that differences in outcomes between the people taking one treatment or the other are due to the treatment and not to the characteristics of the people taking them. With a large enough group and truly random assignment, differences among the subjects are assumed to be evenly spread.

Historically, drug trials have excluded pregnant women because the trial sponsors worried that they



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would be sued for any bad birth outcomes. While this did protect the trial sponsors, it meant that most of the time, we were totally in the dark about the safety and efficacy of drugs when prescribed to pregnant women.

The fallback has been the “observational trial.” You look at a group who took a given drug and compared their outcomes to a group who did not.

The enormous problem with observational trials is that they are often comparing apples to oranges. People who take a medicine on their own are not the same as those who do not.

Let us take acetaminophen as an example. We know that about 60% of women take it during pregnancy. Most of the trials that report more neurodevelopmental

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disorders (autism, ADHD) in acetaminophen users compare women who used it with those who did not.

What is the commonest reason for acetaminophen use? It is fever. Thus, acetaminophen users are much more likely to have had febrile illnesses than those who did not use it. If there is an increased incidence of autism among users, the culprit might just as easily be the febrile illness, not the drug.

Until someone – and realistically it will have to be the NIH, as no commercial firm will pay for it – does a controlled trial comparing pregnancy outcomes among women who take acetaminophen with those who take a placebo, we will be offering advice either way with imperfect data.

The closest I can find to a good study is one out of Sweden that used successive pregnancies of women who had more than one child, comparing the siblings and looking at acetaminophen use. This study found no increase in autism, ADHD or learning problems caused by acetaminophen use. Again, though, this was an observational study.

Given this, what is the best advice you can take?

First, as is true for all medications, take medication only when you need it. A temperature of 99.6 does not need treatment. A temperature of 102 is harmful to the fetus and should be treated. If you have a backache that can be relieved with heat or a backrub, skip the pills. If you are very uncomfortable, acetaminophen is clearly

safer than anti-inflammatories such as ibuprofen or naproxen, that are known to cause fetal malformation, or narcotics.

Second, try to take it for as short a time as possible. The limited data we have suggests that chronic use is worse than occasional use, and that makes physiological sense.

Edward Hoffer MD is Associate Professor of Medicine, part-time, at Harvard.

What's Up There?

Astronomy Update for October

By Sam Bishop

Autumn is here, although it doesn't quite feel like it yet. The gas giants Saturn and Jupiter will be easily visible this month, though Mars will hang low on the horizon. There are two meteor showers, a supermoon, and increased solar activity, making Aurora Borealis more likely than usual.

With the cooperation of the United Nations and the World Space Week Association (whose board includes Buzz Aldrin, Bill Nye, Tom Hanks, and many others), World Space Week takes place between October 4 and October 10. These two dates are both notable, with October 4 being the 67th anniversary of the launching of Sputnik 1 and October 10 being the 57th anniversary of the signing of the Outer Space Treaty.

In honor of space week, a supermoon and the Harvest Moon! On October 7, the October full moon, or the "Hunter's Moon," will shine bright. This is the first of three "supermoons" this year. The next two full moons this year will also be such. Super is quite an overstatement, as the moon will only seem slightly larger and brighter.

Also on October 7, the peak of the Draconids Meteor Shower which runs for four short days, October 6 to October 10. It will yield about 10-to-20 meteors per hour. The meteors of this shower originate from the 21P / Giacobini-Zinner comet (first observed by the French astronomer Michel Giacobini in 1900), although the shower itself is named after the Draco constellation, the spot in the sky where meteors most often appear. The

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supermoon is on the same day, so viewing the meteors won't be as easy as they would otherwise be.

There will be a new moon on October 21, should you want to spot anything with darker skies like galaxies, constellations, nebulae, or even the sheen of the Milky Way, if you can get it dark and clear enough. You can also see meteors!

As opposed to the aforementioned meteor shower, another will peak on October 21. The Orionids Meteor Shower runs from October 2 to November 7, producing about 20 meteors per hour. With there being no glare from the moon, this will be a perfect opportunity.

There is always plenty to see and many apps, websites, and other resources to aid in identifying. NASA is always great for events (like the meteor shower) and ISS flyovers. Happy and lucky stargazing to you.

Committee Appointments Scheduled

Marion Finance Committee

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Finance Committee met remotely on Wednesday, September 24 via Microsoft Teams for a review of the applications submitted by G.R. Pitman and Mal Durkee to serve as alternate members. This would be followed by reorganization and appointments to committee positions.

The meeting began with a unanimous vote in favor of approving the two applicants. This vote

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appoints Pitman and Durkee as the two alternates for the committee. "We have a full committee, that's fantastic," said Sean Healy, acting as chair of the meeting with Shay Assad's absence.

For appointments, Healy asked if the appointment of a committee officer should take place at this meeting. Donna Hemphill, the executive assistant to the Select Board, recommended this decision be tabled until the chair (Assad) and other committee members were present, making it a full-committee decision. Hemphill added which positions need to be decided, those being a chair, vice chair, and clerk, the latter of which is responsible for recording meeting minutes.

With the two agenda items taken care of, the

committee discussed when said appointments would take place. Hemphill and the committee agreed to meet remotely at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 1 for the Finance Committee Appointing Committee via Microsoft Teams.

The next regular meeting of the Marion Finance Committee is tentatively scheduled to take place Wednesday, October 15.

Garage Awaiting Refile

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals on September 25 urged residents at 45 Williams Avenue applying for a variance to build a garage larger than the 1,000 square feet that town regulations allow to withdraw and refile because it was determined that the applicant needs more than one variance for his plan.

William Flaherty III came before the board with a proposal to build a 1,490-square-foot detached garage to store his personal and hobby vehicles. "Especially for my wife, it's the square footage I need to keep our vehicles out of sight," he said.

Member Richard Cutler pointed out the problem with this plan. Town regulations state no structure shall be placed in front of a residential property, he said, and this garage to the right of his house would be in the front yard.

Flaherty said there is not much room to place it to the left of his home. Locating it to the right would place it too close to his and his neighbors' property line. He is limited from placing it farther back because of the location of his well.

Flaherty was told he would have to refile with a second variance request for relief of the town regulation against structures in a property's front yard. He agreed to do so. He requested that his application be withdrawn without prejudice. The board waived his submission fees for the refile and to continue the hearing to October 23. Board Administrator Andreia Lacerda told Flaherty he will still need to pay the fees for mailing the abutters' notices and legal advertising in The Wanderer.

In other action, the board continued to October 9

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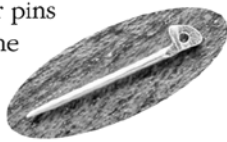
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its hearing into the petition for two variances for a plan to build a three-car garage in excess of the permitted 1,000 square feet at 447 Neck Road, upon the petitioner's request.

The board approved reverting its meeting time from 7:15 pm back to 7:00 pm.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

ConCom Appoints Former EPA Member

Marion Conservation Commission

By Sam Bishop

The Marion Conservation Commission, at their

September 24 meeting, continued one public hearing, held two others for 5 Main Street and 14 Aucoot Avenue, awarded two Certificates of Compliance to Zora Enterprises, Inc. for work on Olde Meadow Road and Olde Farm Road, and appointed a new member of substantial applicable experience.

Natalie Burgo was approved as an associate member of the Conservation Commission. Burgo stated she had previously worked for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for 10 years, saying she had worked with numerous conservation commissions and was leaving the federal agency at the end of September. Her work has primarily focused on plastic and hazardous waste affecting waterways around the South Coast and

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The multi-billion-dollar developer Toll Brothers, Inc. requested to continue their Public Hearing for the 48-unit condominium development at 78 Wareham Road (Route 6). The hearing will now take place at the Conservation Commission's next meeting on October 8.

First for discussion was two Certificates of Compliance for Zora Enterprises, Inc. for two adjacent properties. The house on the first property had previously been approved in 1985 and revised in 1987. Members of the committee had recently visited the site, with commissioner Shaun Walsh stating, "the house has been there for a number of years" and "seems fine," though he did mention it encroached on the property line by a few feet. Both Certificates of Compliance were granted by the committee.

There was a Public Hearing for a Notice of Intent for 5 Main Street by applicant Helm Realty Trust. The hearing was for the proposed addition of a blue stone patio with accompanying landscaping improvements. David Davignon of Schnieder, Davignon & Leone, Inc. spoke on behalf of the applicant. He initially stated, "this project started out bigger when we filed the NOI, and it has shrunk." Originally, Davignon had said that the proposed staircase was supposed to extend farther to the property's lower lawn and closer to the water. Now, he says, it would be "a very minor project."

Much of the discussion with the commission

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revolved around leveling the land and grading. Commissioner Walsh questioned how erosion patterns would change, finishing with "make sure that obviously it's installed properly." The Public Hearing was closed with no further questioning.

The next Public Hearing was for an Amended Order of Conditions by applicants Matthew de Groot and Justin Brasington of 14 Aucoot Avenue for the modification of an approved site plan including razing, grading, and reorienting of structures and pool, and tree removal. Rachel Watsky of Watsky Law represented the applicants alongside project engineer Chris Gilbert of Farland Corp.

Gilbert explained the proposed plan and the new changes in it. Originally proposed was a raised and pile-supported living space above ground-level toward the southern end of the property. The new plans shift the dwelling north, closer to the road. All living space is above the flood zone. For the pool, instead of a bordering fence there would now be a retractable cover. In migrating the house, the current non-FEMA-compliant dwelling would be demolished to make way. Chair Matt Shultz said he had "no issue" with the proposed amendment, and the hearing was closed.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 8 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department.



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Shrinking the MAB?

Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board

By Sam Bishop

The Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board met on Thursday, September 25 for further discussions on the town's Waterfront Management Plan and on work at Long Wharf.

Initially, Chairman Carlos G. DeSousa stated he and the board should review recordings of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission's prior meeting from September 22 as it pertains to the Management Plan and general harbor water flow.

For the Waterfront Management Plan, the board went over comments from the Harbormaster office. In agreement with comments received, Chair DeSousa stated there would be no expansion of the mooring area near Ned's Point. Other comments primarily focused on wording changes and grammar corrections. The chair explained the Management Plan still requires two weeks of public review and approval by the Select Board.

Changing topics, Chair DeSousa said "I've been thinking about this for a while now," referring to a possible reduction in the member amount for the Marine Advisory Board (MAB). The reasoning for this, he explained, would be to lower the number of people needed for a quorum. He stated two members have resigned recently, Mike Costa and Will Langlois. The chair would like five full members (instead of seven) and two alternates. He also added, "not long ago, we had nine members and three alternates." Further discussion on the subject will necessarily involve the Select Board, which will have the determining say in any decision.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Marine Advisory Board is scheduled for Thursday, October 30 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, 16 Main Street.

DeMello's 52 Years of Service

Rochester School Committee

By Michael J. DeCicco

The Rochester School Committee began its September 25 meeting by acknowledging a comprehensive list of new hires and veteran employees.

Superintendent Michael Nelson announced that, starting on the first day of the new school year, Sarah George is the new Human Resources manager. Tri-Town resident Lucy Fuller is replacing Kim Reed as district receptionist/administrative assistant. At Rochester Memorial School, Jennifer Rosati is a new paraprofessional. Emily Lacasse is a new speech



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language pathologist. Lisa Rusello is the principal's new administrative assistant. Bailey Sweet is a new Special Education teacher, and Meghan Craig is a new paraprofessional. Past Sippican Elementary School staffer Debra Smith is a new RMS Special Education teacher.

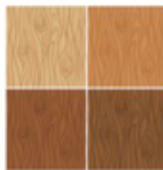
Nelson then acknowledged those with 10 or more years of service to the district. At RMS, that list is highlighted by art teacher Beth Hemenway, who was recently "pinned" for achieving 25 years of school district service this year. Within the region, both Old Rochester Regional Junior High School Principal Silas Coellner and ORR High School Principal Michael Devoll have reached 25 years of service, as has groundskeeper Bill Tilden.

As a special aside, Nelson noted Margaret DeMello, a paraprofessional and Title 1 Director at Old Hammondtown Elementary School in Mattapoisett, has served the ORR District for 51 years. "And she is back for her fifty-second," he said.

In other action, the school committee approved accepting \$833.33 from the Savaas Learning Company that will be used for supplemental curriculum materials and a donation of miscellaneous school supplies from the Rochester Democratic Town Committee.

The committee approved a Small Rural School Achievement Program grant award of \$55,317 from the U.S. Department of Education that will be used to offset the cost of school materials.

The committee announced the next meeting of



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the Joint School Committee on Thursday, October 9, in the ORR Junior High Media Center, 133 Marion Road, Mattapoisett.

The Rochester School Committee's next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6, at 6:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School, 16 Pine Street.

ORR Spikers Have Midseason Momentum

Sports Roundup

By Aiden Comorosky

Old Rochester's girls volleyball team played at Somerset Berkley (6-3) on September 24, and won 3-0 by set scores of 25-20, 25-17, and 25-11. Carly Mello was 15-for-16 at the service line and was named the player of



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the game. Maya Morrison recorded 24 assists and 5 aces, and Kate Rodrigues recorded 14 digs. Molly Franco and Erin Root each recorded 7 assists. The Bulldogs took a 9-1 record in Wednesday's match against Fairhaven (7-2).

Field Hockey

The Bulldogs played at Dighton-Rehoboth (1-6) on September 23, and won 3-0. Morgan LeBlanc was named the player of the game, scoring all 3 goals. Old Rochester is now 7-1, and the Bulldogs' next game will be at Somerset Berkley (6-1) on Thursday, October 2.

Football

Old Rochester gave unbeaten Dartmouth a fight in the Bulldogs' home opener on September 26, but a 33-21 loss to the visiting Indians (4-0) has the Bulldogs (0-4) regrouping as they head into the bye week.

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Temporary Closure of Center School Playground

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson and Center School Principal Linda Ashley would like to announce the temporary closure of the Center School Playground to accommodate a resurfacing project.

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As part of the project, the old surface will be removed, and a new poured-in-place rubber surfacing will be installed. Other playground structures will remain.

Security fencing will be installed around the playground for the duration of construction, which will last about two weeks, weather permitting.

During this time, Center School students will continue to enjoy outdoor recess on the field and blacktop areas behind the school gymnasium.

"We are excited for this upgrade to our Center School playground," said Principal Ashley. "We thank all of our students and families for their patience while the resurfacing project is completed. We look forward to enjoying a safer, revitalized playground together in late October."

"Thank you to our community for patience as this work is completed, as well as your support for this resurfacing project," Superintendent Nelson said. "We are proud to provide a newly revitalized, durable playground surface for all of our students to safely enjoy."

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Dear Editor,

My wife and I belong to our town-sponsored fitness center. Several years past, there was a friendly older gentleman named Ray who also attended. If he was there when we went, he'd always be smiling from ear to ear; and when he wasn't exercising on one of the pieces of equipment, he'd be greeting someone by their first name. We're convinced if there was a "mayoral election" at the gym back then, Ray would have received all the votes.

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name he talks about in his book is Jesus Christ - the one name that is the lightning rod because it represents the division of life between good and evil, God and Satan, light and darkness, righteousness and sin and heaven and hell.

Isn't it amazing how so many people these days are quick to dismiss, defame, or take the name of Jesus Christ in vain? Sadly, it's bordering on the politically correct thing to do. Before we join those ranks and the eternal consequences associated with such foolishness, we need to know what God's word says. The Bible says there is no other name for us to rely upon to be saved, that we should pray to the Heavenly Father in the name of Jesus, and one day every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God, the Father.

So, what's in a name? If we're referring to the real Jesus Christ, the anointed One and Son of the Living God, then it's the name that profoundly transcends earthly elections or business success. It's the name that simply means everything.

Sincerely,
 Steven J, Bouley

To the Editor:

Recently, several Mattapoisett residents received campaign-style text messages urging them to attend the Special Town Meeting scheduled for October 4. What is

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deeply troubling is that these texts used the official seal of the Town of Mattapoisett to promote attendance at what is, by definition, a non-binding and unnecessary meeting.

The unauthorized use of a town seal is not a trivial matter. State law expressly prohibits using an official seal to give the impression of legitimacy or authority where none exists. The Town Clerk is the sole custodian of our seal and should immediately investigate this misuse.

Let's not forget: the voters of Mattapoisett already decided this issue at the Annual Town Meeting last May, approving the expansion of the Select Board from three to five members. That process went through all proper legal channels, was signed into law, and reflects the will of the people. Now, because a handful of opponents gathered signatures, our Town Administrator has been forced to schedule this Special Town Meeting. He has acknowledged that it will cost taxpayers at least \$3,500 - money wasted on relitigating a decision already made.

One cannot help but notice the timing. The current Select Board Chairman, Tyler Macallister, is a declared candidate for Congress. The use of the town seal in these campaign-style texts raises the question of whether this manufactured controversy is being leveraged for political gain. Mr. Macallister owes this community a clear statement: that he had no role in this effort, that he denounces the misuse of the town seal, and that he will not exploit this meeting for his campaign.



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On Saturday, October 4 at 1 pm in the ORR High School Gym, Mattapoisett residents will have a chance to redeem a decision pushed through Beacon Hill - one that was passed at the May Town Meeting by a slim margin, with fewer than 110 total YES votes. That narrow vote supported expanding our Select Board from three to five members, a major structural change advanced without broad community consensus.

In response, more than 335 Mattapoisett citizens signed a petition calling for this Special Town Meeting - a clear signal that the community seeks to be heard. While this meeting cannot legally override the earlier act, it is the next appropriate step in delivering the will of the people and affirming our commitment to sound, local self-government.

Opponents now claim this petition is "non-binding" and "unnecessary." Quite a statement - considering it was their unprecedented haste to rush expansion through the Legislature that ignored community sentiment and caused this situation. The people of Mattapoisett are simply demanding a voice in their own governance - something that should have been respected from the start.

And let's not forget: this is the same Legislature that refuses to be audited, despite 72% of Massachusetts voters supporting an audit in the last statewide election. The same body that exempts itself from public records laws - while allowing no FOIA transparency from citizens - even as the author of the expansion petition has filed 13 public records requests against our own town government. The double standard is striking: Beacon Hill demands transparency from towns yet denies it to the people. Should we be surprised they ignored a certified



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Some argue that expansion is needed to increase "diversity." But adding seats does not guarantee diversity of background or ideas - elections are unpredictable and may simply reproduce the same viewpoints. True diversity comes from voter choice and civic participation, not from enlarging government.

Moreover, respected studies from the Harvard Kennedy School, the National School Boards Association, and the Journal of Public

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3:00 PM MAC Jazz Jam

4:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest - Orchestra

6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx

6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow

Today

7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global

US

7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus

on Europe

8:00 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs West

Bridgewater

9:30 PM ORR Girls Field Hockey

vs Fairhaven

11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday October 3, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good

Shape

8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx

8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow

Today

9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global

US

9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus

on Europe

10:00 AM Southcoast Matters

11:30 AM Easton Fire Department -

Close Before You Doze

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:00 PM Rochester Affordable

Housing Inc ADU Presentation

2:00 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre

3:30 PM The Collective Chat

3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt

Experience

3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Burr and Brooke Johnson

4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society

Oral History - Anne Converse

5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society

- Marconi Building

6:00 PM Marion Natural History

Museum - Amazing Animal

Ambassadors

7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren

Paltrowitz

9:00 PM A Conversation With...

1:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers

10:00 PM For Your Health

10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday October 4, 2025

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon

Festival

9:30 AM Tri-County Symphonic

Band - Annual Pops Concert

10:30 AM Easton Fire Department -

Close Before You Doze

11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Burr and Brooke Johnson

11:30 AM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie

2:30 PM The Human Truth - with

Chuck McIntyre

3:00 PM The Collective Chat

3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt

Experience

4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society

Oral History - Anne Converse

5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society

- Marconi Building

6:00 PM Marion Natural History

Museum - Amazing Animals

Ambassadors

7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren

Paltrowitz

9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

9:30 PM A Conversation with...

10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

10:30 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday October 5, 2025

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian

Church

8:00 AM Mattapoisett

Congregational Church

9:00 AM First Congregational

Church of Rochester

10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church

11:00 AM Thrift and Sip

11:30 AM For your Health

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:00 PM Deutsche Welle -

Euromaxx

1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow

Today

2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global

US

2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Shift

3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus

on Europe

3:30 PM ORR Boys Soccer vs DR

5:00 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs

Seekonk

7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic

Band - Annual Pops Concert

8:30 PM Buzzards Bay Musicfest -

Swing Band

10:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic

Band - Jazz Through the Decades

11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday October 6, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good

Shape

8:00 AM Deutsche Welle -

Euromaxx

8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow

Today

9:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Global

US

9:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Focus

on Europe

10:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Shift

10:30 AM A Conversation With...

11:00 AM For Your Health

11:30 AM Money Matters

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

1:30 PM Southcoast Matters

2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment

3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren

Paltrowitz

3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

4:30 PM The Human Truth

5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic

Band - Annual Pops Concert

6:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Burr and Brooke Johnson

7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society

- Women's Involvement in the History

of Preservation in New England

8:30 PM Marion Natural History

Museum - Amazing Animal

Ambassadors

10:00 PM The Collective Chat

10:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt

Experience

11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday October 7, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good

Shape

8:00 AM For Your Health: Nicotine

Pouches

8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment

9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club

10:00 AM Saturday Morning

Cartooning

10:30 AM The Collective Chat

11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt

Experience

11:30 AM In the Toy Box

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:00 PM Easton Fire Department -

Close Before You Doze

1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider

2:00 PM The Human Truth with

Chuck McIntyre

2:30 PM Deutsche Welle -

Tomorrow and Today

3:00 PM Deutsche Welle -

Euromaxx

3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global

US

4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus

on Europe

4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - In

Good Shape

5:00 PM Four Deep Sports Talk

6:00 PM Sippican Historical Society

- The History of Marion's Portuguese,

Azorean, and Cape Verdean

Community

8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report

9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie

Review Show

10:00 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday October 8, 2025

7:00 AM Seniorize

7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good

Shape

8:00 AM Cape Conversations

8:30 AM For Your Health

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road

10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment

10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren

Paltrowitz

11:00 AM Mattapoisett

Congregational Church

12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?

12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with

Coastline

1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV

2:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie

Burr and Brooke Johnson

2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday

3:00 PM A Conversation With...

3:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic

Band - Annual Pops Concert

5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report

6:00 PM Building the Future

6:30 PM Pete on the Street

7:00 PM World Fusion Show

7:30 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest

- Orchestra

9:00 PM Buzzards Bay Music Fest -

Chamber Music

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen

9:00 AM Marion Planning Board

10:30 AM Marion Conservation

Commission

11:30 AM Marion Water and Sewer

Commission

1:30 PM Marion Zoning Board of

Appeals

2:00 PM Marion Board of Health

3:30 PM Marion School Committee

4:30 PM ORR School Committee

5:00 PM Marion Marine Resource

Commission

6:30 PM Marion Stewards of Open

Space

7:00 PM Marion Finance Committee

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This Special Town Meeting is our chance to speak with one voice - to redeem a hasty decision and affirm the common-sense leadership that works.

Show up. Speak up. Vote yes on Saturday, October 4 to keep our Select Board at three members and uphold the will of the people.

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Paul Criscuolo, Mattapoisett

UCCT 8th Grade Open House

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School will host an 8th Grade Open House on Saturday, **October 4**, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. All 8th grade students residing in Bourne, Falmouth, Marion, Sandwich, and Wareham are invited to attend with their parents/guardians.

There will be academic and technical program presentations as well as information on athletics,



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school activities, and post-secondary planning. Special demonstrations will also take place throughout the day, including a VR paint simulator in Auto Collision, robotics and 3D printing in Engineering, culinary creations at the Snack Shack, planting and floral displays in Horticulture, soldering demos in Plumbing and Heating as well as hands-on activities in Veterinary Science, among others.

The technical programs offered at Upper Cape Tech are Automotive Collision Repair, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electrical, Engineering Technology, Environmental Technology, Health Technology, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Horticulture, Information Technology, Marine Technology, Plumbing and Heating, and



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MOVIE REVIEW

Two Tribes

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***One Battle After Another*. Starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Sean Penn. Directed by Paul Thomas Anderson. Running time: 161 minutes. MPAA rating: R. Now playing in theaters.**

In a saner time, Paul Thomas Anderson's long but relentlessly paced thriller *One Battle After Another* would be appreciated for what it is: a meditation on family and how it threatens, or is threatened by, the violent ghosts of the past and future. Today, though, it takes on a troubling relevance, with accidental resonance with current nightmarish images and headlines, that doesn't do a lot for it as a narrative. Glancingly based on Thomas Pynchon's novel *Vineland*, the movie is about Bob Ferguson (Leonardo DiCaprio), who went by the moniker "Ghetto" Pat Calhoun years ago, when he ran with a revolutionary outfit called the French 75. This group broke detained immigrants out of jail, and they weren't shy about brandishing weapons and planting bombs to make their point.

It should be emphasized that *One Battle After Another* does not even in the slightest make the revolutionary life look noble or heroic. They may do things to help the vulnerable, but we get the sense that they're a motley assortment of damaged souls whose need for action, protocol, and rigorous order (planning) enabling chaos may outstrip whatever ideals they have or had. Bob's lover, the fierce Perfidia Beverly Hills (Teyana Taylor), is a capable warrior but seems lost in a private revenge loop. Even after she and Bob have a baby girl, Perfidia can't stop keeping the wheels of the French 75 greased with the blood of the oppressors.

Writer-director Anderson contrasts the French 75 — who sometimes seem to be *performing* activism more than enacting it — with another secret group, diametrically opposed, the hilariously named Christmas Adventurers Club. This seems to be an elite he-man (or he-white-man) offshoot of the military; if you show yourself to be sufficiently "pure" in your intentions towards the less racially "pure," you may be invited into their fold. Colonel Steven Lockjaw (Sean Penn), who has experience with the French 75, would like to be in that number. Lockjaw, helped by Penn's witty portrait of stupidity and zero self-awareness, is not quite evil — he's buffeted by feelings he can't begin to understand. Like many racists, he's attracted to Black women — like Perfidia.



Anyway, after an extended prologue, we rejoin Bob and Lockjaw sixteen years later, when Bob's daughter Willa (Chase Infiniti) is in high school. Any synopsis of *One Battle After Another* will make it sound drier and more convoluted than it actually plays. The film runs two hours and forty-one minutes but seldom drags; it's quite a while before Anderson pumps the brakes and lets the movie chill and breathe a little. The compositions and lighting always enthrall; the editing takes us forward sometimes faster than we want to go, yet never confusingly. The action set pieces always seem to pop out of nowhere, with little or no warning for the exhausted Bob or Willa or allies like "Sensei" Sergio St. Carlos (Benicio del Toro) and Deandra (Regina Hall). The film is Anderson's best showcase yet for the mastery he appears to have developed as an action director — the mayhem is clean, exciting, yet realistically stumbly and human.

Freeing detained migrants is not the focus of *One Battle After Another* but simply part of its tapestry. Anderson is more interested in the flawed, sad-sack people caught up in all this drama, though the tone is closer to comedy. One character's death is handled amusingly neutrally, as perhaps Anderson's way of commenting on the ultimate worth of elite he-men. Whatever qualities the film may have as an inadvertent op-ed are present only obliquely, through thematic symmetry.

In other words, the movie doesn't preach, but we get its message that systems and counter-systems based on violence and retributive violence are humanly unsustainable. DiCaprio, lumpen in his probably-hemp clothes and gray stubble and eyeballs reddened by weed, holds it all together while gracefully stepping aside from the movie's center. The entire expansive, farcical, bloody saga turns out not to be about Bob but about someone else — the origin story of a person who literally embodies the ideal of union. Along with everything else, *One Battle After Another* is a vibrant and sunny daydream of bridging the gap, and that yearning to close the divide, more than anything else it does, makes the film seem of the moment.

Veterinary Science.

For more information regarding Upper Cape Tech and the open house, please visit www.uppercapetech.com.

Get Started Estate Planning

Join local attorney Amy Mello at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at 7 Barstow Street on Saturday, **October 4**, at 2:00 pm for an introduction to estate planning. Attorney Mello lives in Mattapoisett and enjoys practicing law on the South Coast. She provides a wide variety of professional and comprehensive services to individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. Attorney Mello has extensive experience representing clients in the administration of probate estates and trusts, as well as guardianships and conservatorships, for their loved ones. Her work includes preparing Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and federal estate tax returns. With over a decade of experience, Attorney Mello prepares documents tailored to meet the unique needs, goals, and requirements of each individual client. Her informative event is free and open to all; no registration required.

For more information, please visit us online at www.mattapoisettlibrary.org, or call the library at 508-758-4171.

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-Delano Road (Point Road traffic lights to Cross Neck Road).

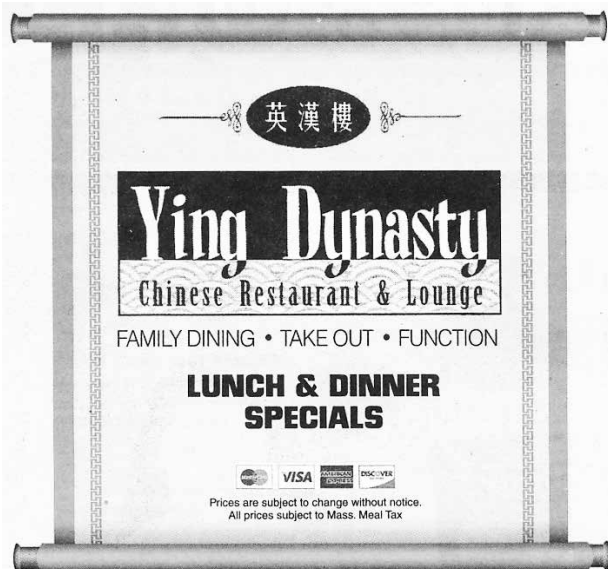
-Point Road (Jenna Drive to West Drive).

-Hiller Street (Front Street to Main Street).

-Spring Street (Main Street to Fire Station).

Installation of permanent pavement will occur during the week of **October 12**, and line striping will follow. Schedule and completion of all work is subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances.

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detour may be implemented.

Every effort will be made to minimize inconvenience to residents and motorists. Driveway access for residents within paving area will be maintained throughout the project, though there will be small delays. Please do not park vehicles along the roadway during the construction period. Motorists can expect delays while traveling through the construction area and should seek alternate routes. As always, please slow down and use caution while traveling through the construction areas.

Please contact the Department of Public Works should you have any questions: 508-748-3540 Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 3:30 pm. For outside of the regular DPW office hours, please contact the Marion Police Department and they will relay any concerns to the appropriate Town Department: 508-748-1212.

Harvest Festival at FCCR

First Congregational Church of Rochester will host a Harvest Festival on Saturday, **October 18** from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. The outdoor festival will take place on the church green at 11 Constitution Way in Rochester and will include delicious treats and fun for the whole family such a pony rides, bounce house, and face painting. Linda Summer of Agape Puppet Ministries will give two performances using props and chalk art. The Harvest Festival is free of charge, but the church welcomes donations of instant potatoes, stuffing mix, or cans of

soup or cranberry sauce to support community families at Thanksgiving. For questions or more information, contact the church office at rochestercongregational@comcast.net or 508-763-4314.

Fall Family Festival & Touch a Truck

On **October 4** the Old Colony RVTHS PTO will hold its annual Fall Family Festival & Touch a Truck at 476 North Ave in Rochester from 11:00 to 3:00. There will be music by DJ Zavey Entertainment. We will also have the Carabiners Climbing Tower, giant inflatables, the National Guard inflatable obstacle course, laser tag, henna & character artists, reiki & tarot card readings, food trucks, vendors, raffle baskets, bake sale table and more. New this year, cooking demonstrations with professional chefs. Bring the whole family for a wonderful multi-community event.

How to Slash Energy Costs

The Marion Energy Management Committee welcomes David Green on **October 29** to learn from his experience saving thousands of dollars annually on energy bills. The event will provide actionable, independent advice for achieving significant financial returns while cutting carbon emissions.

He will draw from personal experience, having cut his own home's carbon emissions and bills to zero and powering his house for 24 hours with his Ford F150 Lightning during an outage. The presentation will also cover subsidies in the Inflation Reduction Act (available through 2025) and Massachusetts programs that can make heat pumps free or deeply discounted for many homeowners.

A past attendee praised his talks, stating, "Minute-for-minute, point-for-point, one of the best webinars I have ever attended. Thank you." Green's advice is completely independent, as he has retired from a successful career in biotechnology and does not work for any installer or manufacturer of energy products.

David Green is the author of two books on cutting carbon emissions, endorsed by Bill McKibben and Paul Hawken. He holds a BA in physics from Oxford

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Sheila Anne Carvalho of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts passed away peacefully on September 19, 2025 at the age of 66, surrounded by the love of family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in New Bedford on December 5, 1958, Sheila was the only child of the late William J. and Norma (Almeida) Carvalho. After graduation from New Bedford High School, Sheila pursued her Bachelor's degree in Biology from South-eastern Massachusetts University (UMass Dartmouth). She then went to graduate school at North Carolina State University, where she received her Master's degree in Botany.

Upon graduating, Sheila began working at Massachusetts General Hospital as a laboratory technician, during which time she met her future husband, Brian Smith. Sheila had a successful 35-year career in life sciences and healthcare, advancing to become Product Line Manager, Cell Culture Media at both Millipore Corporation and Corning Life Sciences.

In 1989, Sheila and Brian married in Fairhaven, MA. Shortly thereafter they moved to Tewksbury and later Westford, MA to raise a family, which became Sheila's greatest source of pride and joy. One of their fondest family traditions was an annual trip to Sanibel Island, Florida, where Sheila could often be found in the "Sanibel stoop" while combing the beach for seashells. Sheila was a skilled cook and, in true Portuguese fashion, showed her love of friends and family through incredible homemade meals on holidays and special occasions.

Sheila inherited a great love of animals from her father, which she passed on to her children. Together they adopted many pets including birds, gerbils, and guinea pigs, in addition to her many beloved cats and dogs. She had a sharp sense of humor and was always ready with a clever joke, usually at Brian's expense. Her love of pop culture gave her the edge in trivia games and the ability to guess the surprise reveals and plot twists of just about any show or movie. Her passion for games and puzzles made for many days and nights of family fun. She was a loyal fan of the New England Patriots and especially Tom Brady, whose wins she continued to celebrate after he departed for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

From seashells on the beach to antiques at a yard sale, Sheila loved the thrill of finding treasures hidden in plain sight. She had a strong sense of design and a love of curating vintage collectibles and ephemera, which she proudly displayed in her historic seaside home in the picturesque village of Mattapoisett. Upon retirement, she used her deep knowledge of vintage treasures to run a business buying and selling antiques.

Sheila was a beautiful, vibrant woman who will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her husband Brian, daughter Rachael Smith and husband Richard Ayoub, Jr. of Wilming-

ton, MA, daughter Lauren Smith of Providence, RI, and many cousins including Claudia Mathews of Newburyport and her companion Mohamed Saadi.

Her visiting hours were held on Friday, September 26th in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, MA. Her funeral service was held on Saturday, September 27th in the funeral home. Burial followed in Riverside Cemetery, Fairhaven, MA.

In lieu of flowers, you may wish to make a donation in Sheila's name to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Humane Society & Shelter SouthCoast, or your favorite charity. For guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Marcelle Brenda (Caron) Morris, 81, of Marion died September 21, 2025 at Tobey Hospital.

She was the wife of the late Francis A. Morris.

Born in Paterson, NJ, daughter of the late Alfred T. and Cecelia M. (Jacques) Caron, she lived in Marion most of her life.

Brenda was formerly employed as a registered nurse for many years until her retirement.

She is survived by her son Francis J. Morris of Marion.

Her Graveside Service was held on Friday, September 26th at Evergreen Cemetery in Marion.

Arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. For online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.



John Bellafatto, a proud Navy veteran and devoted family man, passed away peacefully on September 15, 2025, at Tobey Hospital in Wareham, Massachusetts at the age of 89.

Born in Sea Cliff, New York, John was the son of John G. Bellafatto, who immigrated from Italy, and Gumersinda Guzman Y Lopez, born in Puerto Rico. He graduated from Sea Cliff High School in 1955 and went on to serve his country honorably in the United States Navy.

John spent his later years as a resident of Rochester, Massachusetts, where he retired from Home Depot after years of dedicated service. Known for his tireless work ethic, he touched the lives of many through both his professional and personal endeavors.

He is survived by his children: John Bellafatto of Bristol, RI; Mark Bellafatto of Richmond, VA; Angela Feather and her husband John Feather of Cumberland, RI; and Michael Bellafatto of Reno, NV. He shared these children with Vita (Tumbarello) Bellafatto, their loving mother.

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University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. All attendees of the webinar will receive a complimentary copy of his book, Zero Carbon Home.

The Energy Management Committee invites the wider community to the Marion Music Hall on **October 29, 6:30 pm**. RSVP encouraged at: bit.ly/48CXiue.

Sippican Woman's Club

The magic of our Holiday by the Sea House Tour doesn't end when the doors close - it continues all year long through the good we're able to do together. Thanks to the generosity of our community and the success of last year's tour, the Sippican Woman's Club is proud to continue distributing proceeds to local organizations that make a difference every day.

Our recent giving includes support for the Taber Library, helping bridge the gap created by recent budget cuts so this cherished community resource can remain a center of education, entertainment and exploration. We're also helping Marion Recreation enhance accessibility with new handicap-accessible equipment, ensuring everyone can enjoy the town's recreational spaces.

Our philanthropy extends to Anchor Academy, a special education therapeutic day school providing vital support and opportunities for students with unique needs. We're excited to support the Rochester Council on Aging, which enriches the lives of local seniors and preparing for expansion, and we continue to support the

General Store's Family Fund, which partners with school nurses to assist local families in times of need.

Each of these contributions reflects the heart of who we are - a community of women dedicated to making Marion and the surrounding towns a better place. When you join us for the Holiday by the Sea House Tour on December 13, you're not just celebrating the season - you're helping us create meaningful change right here at home all year long.

All women are welcome to join us. Membership in the Sippican Woman's Club is open to anyone who shares our spirit of friendship, community, and service with a connection to Marion. To learn more about what we do - and how you can be part of it - visit SippicanWomansClub.org.

St. Anthony-St. Rita Christmas

By The Sea Bazaar

Mark your calendars and save the date. Please join us for the annual "Christmas By The Sea Bazaar" on Saturday, **December 6** from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's parish, 26 Hammond Street, Mattapoisett.

Seasonal handcrafted gifts, decorations, and stocking stuffers will be offered by local vendors, including wooden and leather wares, honey, ornaments (including the 2025 parish ornament designed by a local artist), seashell art, all types of sewn, crocheted, knitted and quilted items such as stuffed animals, hats, mittens

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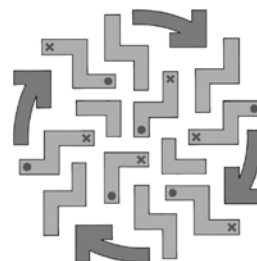
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A lifelong fan of baseball and football, John found great happiness traveling across the country visiting ballparks and soaking in the spirit of the game. John will be laid to rest with at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Gary Sinise Foundation to support veterans. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett.



Purnell "Joe" Guard, Jr., 84, of Fairhaven, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. He was the husband of Nancy I. (Borges) Guard for 61 years. Born in Greensboro, NC, son of the late Purnell Hall Guard Sr., and Mary (Finnegan) Guard, he lived and raised his family in Mattapoisett before moving back to Cary, North Carolina. He returned to Fairhaven as soon as his grandchildren were born and spent many winters in Florida. Survived by his wife, Nancy; his children, Steven Guard, Esq. and his wife Kathi of Scituate, Thomas Guard and his wife Michele of Marion, and Joseph Guard and his partner Emilie Barland of Jupiter, FL; his sister Rosemary Winkler and her husband Skip and predeceased by his brother Bruce Guard and his wife Jackie; and his grandchildren, Rachel, Adam, Michaela, Hannah, Chase, Tucker and Eliza Guard.

Joe was an avid golfer and proud member of the Reservation Golf Course where he was regarded as an accomplished golfer and a dedicated member. In 1972 he founded Joe's Arco a/k/a Guard Auto Center and Family Oil in Mattapoisett where he served the automotive needs of his customers throughout the South Coast for many years. As an avid car enthusiast, Joe was able to spend his life doing what he loved. He served in the United States Coast Guard from 1958 to 1962 and sailed aboard the USCG cutter "Eagle," the United States Coast Guard Academy training ship, where he was able to make two transatlantic voyages to Europe. While stationed in Nantucket he met his wife of 61 years on leave in New Bedford and settled in New England. He was most proud of and dedicated his life to his three sons with whom he shared his entrepreneurial experience and guidance every day. He was beloved by the staff of Guard Oil in Fairhaven where he spent much of his time in retirement and enjoyed being a part of the day-to-day activities. Joe was known for his gardening skills and the small scale train he built himself and drove in many parades where he won various awards. Joe's greatest joy was spending time with his grandchildren who fondly named him "Grampy." He brightened the faces of everyone whenever he was around. His smile made you smile. His shining eyes, expressive face and easy laughter will be held in our hearts forever. We will miss you Dad.

His Funeral will be held on Friday, October 3rd at 9 am from the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett, followed by his Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church at 10 am. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours will be on Thursday October 2nd from 4-8 pm. For directions and guest-book, visit www.saundersdwyer.com



Marilyn T. Nye, 88, of Marion, died Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025 at Sippican Healthcare Center in Marion. She was the wife of the late Howard F. Nye.

Born in New Bedford and a lifelong resident of Marion, she was the daughter of the late William H. and Augusta A. (Ingalls) Thomas.

Mrs. Nye worked for many years at several well-known stores in Wareham; J.J. Newberry's, Jimmy's IGA, and the former Brooks Pharmacy, Rite-Aid and now Walgreens. She enjoyed reading, puzzles and taking long walks.

She is survived by her children, William G. Nye of Marion, Robert H. Nye of Charlottesville, VA, Linda F. Montour of Venice, FL and Sandra L. Holmes of Mashpee; her grandchildren, Derek Holmes, Catherine Holmes, Douglas Holmes, Stephanie Holmes, Olivia Montour and Nicholas Montour. Also surviving are 8 great grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit on Monday, Oct. 6, 2025 at Chapman Funerals & Cremations, 2599 Cranberry Hwy. (Rt. 28), Wareham from 4 – 7 pm. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 7th at the funeral home at 10 am. Burial will be held privately.

For directions or to leave a message of condolence visit: www.chapmanfuneral.com



Judy "Chickadee" MacGregor passed away on September 28, 2025 surrounded by all those that loved her. Chickadee spent 83 wonderful years spreading love, joy, laughter and lots of sass! Most of her time was spent taking care of her family, her friends and her community.

Judith Dorothy MacGregor was born on December 19, 1941, in New Bedford Massachusetts to parents Dorothy Eaves and Robert William Walton. She passed away peacefully after a brief illness at St. Luke's Hospital surrounded by her children and many grandchildren.

She was married to the late John Edmund MacGregor for 56 years. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Peter and Carolyn MacGregor, Jon and Kristen MacGregor, Dan and Kate MacGregor, Nancy and Lorenzo Warren, Mark and Melissa MacGregor, and Andy and Heather MacGregor.

and bags, carved wooden birds, jewelry, and much more.

When you arrive, you will be greeted with live festive music. As always, the Bazaar will offer a huge assortment of decorated wreaths and greens arrangements, gift baskets raffles, a grand raffle (1st prize: \$1,000, 2nd prize: \$500, 3rd prize: \$250), a toy shoppe with toys, cookie decorating, and games, and a large bake sale with all types of wonderful baked goods.

There will be refreshments as well, filling the hall with festive aromas. Refreshments will include: malasadas and coffee, "Friendship soup" (recipe to be provided), popcorn, hot chocolate bar, and more. There will even be a special appearance from Santa himself.

All proceeds will benefit St. Anthony- St. Rita parish initiatives, including providing college book scholarships to local high school seniors. Please find, like, and share our event on Facebook. If you have any questions, please reach out to Katie Silvia at katsa06@gmail.com. We hope to see you there.

Mattapoisett Library Poetry Reading

Prize-winning regional poets will read their work on Sunday **October 19**, at 2:00 pm, at the Mattapoisett Library. This event is free and open to the public.

Featured poet Margot Wizansky will read from her most recent collection, *Random Music in a Small Galaxy*, whose poems explore the transcendent beauty of life even as they confront human mortality. Rich with images and emotion, Wizansky's tender poems bring attention "to war, migration, environmental crises, and religion with intimate details," in the words of poet Alexis Ivy.

Wizansky will be joined by two other members of the Mattapoisett Poets, Vivian Eyre and Eileen Paccia. Eyre's most recent collection, *Ishamel's Violets*, explores the endangerment of whales with its human, scientific and literary connections. A devoted steward of marine

life, Eyre draws from her work monitoring whales and sea turtles in her writing and organizes the Poets in Conversation series at the Imago Gallery in Warren, RI.

Eileen Paccia, a New Bedford poet, works with the Martha's Vineyard Poetry Collective. Her narrative and lyrical poems explore the connections between humanity/nature in urban/ocean settings.

The poets will be introduced by Elizabeth Sylvia. Light refreshments will be served, and questions will be taken after the reading.

Sippican Historical Society Autumn Events

The Sippican Historical Society (SHS) announces its lineup of autumn events. This season's offerings include engaging lectures, family-friendly activities, and an exhibit that brings new perspectives on Marion's heritage.

Kicking off the season on **October 10** is the exhibit opening *In Her World: the Life and Legacy of Elizabeth Taber* at 141 Front Street in Marion from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Vintage enthusiasts, book lovers and bargain hunters should swing by SHS the weekend after for its Sidewalk Sale. On Friday, **October 17** from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and on October 18 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, you can also find craft inspiration in the boxes of free maps and ephemera.

Stop by the Sippican Historical Society on Friday, **October 31** from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm after the Halloween parade for a bit of candy and culture - no costumes necessary.

On **November 13** at 6:30 pm, award-winning author Lauren Wolk returns to the Marion Music Hall to share her guidance on *Writing Without a Map*.

The Sippican Historical Society invites everyone in the community to participate in its events. For more information and to sign up for weekly emails, go to

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The true joy and passion of her life were her 16 grandchildren (Ian, Meg, Eli, Kade, Dorrie, Ethan, Connor, Mariah, Martha, Emma, Braden, Keane, Rylan, Brendan, Duncan, and Drew) and 3 great-grandchildren (Addie, Leland, & Clara).

Before retiring, Judy managed the cafeteria at Sippican School in Marion, Massachusetts and in the summertime she managed the kitchen at Camp Farley in Mashpee. After retirement she kept busy as a volunteer in the gift shop at Tobey Hospital, an active participant at the Rochester Senior Center, and spreading cheer to residents at several local nursing homes. Judy was also a devoted member of the South Primitive Methodist Church in New Bedford since a young age. Her favorite past times included cooking, playing Scrabble, and playing board games with her grandchildren.

Chickadee, as she was affectionately known, has left

a void in the hearts of her family and friends. Her family will especially miss her Macaroni and Cheese, her frosted brownies, and her famous Halloween cookies! Chickadee may be gone from our sight but never from our hearts.

In accordance with her wishes she will be cremated and memorial visitation will be held Saturday, October 4, 2025 from 3-6 pm in the Donaghy New day Cremation and Funeral Care, 465 County Street, New Bedford with a service at 5:30 pm. For memorial register or facility directions please visit, www.newdayfunerals.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



MARION

Log highlights Sept 21 – Sept 27

- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Animal complaint
- Mill St – Suspicious MV
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Cove Cir – Larceny/past
- Pleasant St – Animal complaint
- Sherman's Way – Found property
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – Found property
- Mill St – General offense
- Village Dr – EMS/medical
- Marconi Ln – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- River Rd – Paper service
- Jenna Dr – General offense
- Cranberry Hwy – General service
- Field Stone Ln – Suspicious activity
- Delano Rd – EMS/medical
- Island Wharf Rd – UAS deployment
- Piney Point Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV collision
- Route 195 West – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Follow up investigation
- Point Rd – Paper service
- Ichabod Ln – MV collision
- Converse Rd – Waterways disabled vessel
- Point Rd – Officer wanted
- Olde Logging Rd – EMS/medical

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Sept 21 – Sept 27

- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Cannon St – Ambulance request
- County Rd - Harassment
- Fairhaven Rd – Suspicious persons
- Marion Rd – Warrant of apprehension
- Cannon St – General service
- River Rd – Assist citizen
- Park St – Officer wanted
- Cannon St – Medical assist
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- County Rd – Domestic disturbance
- Meadowbrook Ln – Suspicious persons
- Park St - Soliciting
- Barlow Ln – 911 call
- Marion Rd – MV violations
- West Hill Rd – MV crash
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Tobey Ln – 911 call
- Main St – Medical assist
- County Rd – MV crash
- Hitching Post Rd – Follow up investigation
- Crystal Spring Rd – MV crash
- Lebaron Way – Officer wanted
- Water St – Animal control
- Noyes Ave – Animal control
- Marion Rd – Health/welfare
- Brandt Island Rd - Disturbance
- Acushnet Rd – Drug overdose
- Water St – Medical alarm

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Sept 21 – Sept 27

- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- Kings Hwy – Medical alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – General services
- Rounseville Rd - Disturbance
- Rounseville Rd – Suspicious activity
- Cranberry Hwy – Follow up
- North Ave – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Assist other agency
- Hartley Rd – Medical alarm
- Neck Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Follow up
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Marion Rd - Assault
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Hathaway Pond Cir – 911 call
- Pine St – General services
- North Ave – MV collision
- North Ave - Harassment
- Cranberry Hwy - Investigation
- Dexter Ln – Lost animal
- North Ave - Investigation
- Marys Pond Rd – MV stop/citation
- North Ave - Larceny
- Clapp Rd - Threats
- North Ave - Disturbance
- Burgess Ave – Noise complaint
- High St – Suspicious activity

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Oct 6: Maple bacon glazed chicken thigh, butternut squash, green peas, wheat dinner roll, apple
Tuesday, Oct 7: Braised beef & vegetable, polenta, mixed root vegetables, cornbread loaf, pudding, diet: fruit
Wednesday, Oct 8: Creamy Cajun shrimp, white rice, green beans & peppers, wheat bread, banana
Thursday, Oct 9: Chicken in sage cream sauce w/pumpkin & cheese ravioli, broccoli, dinner roll, cinnamon swirl, diet: fruit
Friday, Oct 10: Meatloaf w/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, carrots, wheat roll, pear cup

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 6: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, Oct 7: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, sour cream
Wednesday, Oct 8: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Oct 9: Spaghetti w/meat

sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Oct 10: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Oct 6: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, Oct 7: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, sour cream
Wednesday, Oct 8: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Oct 9: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Oct 10: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Oct 6: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle

Tuesday, Oct 7: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, sour cream
Wednesday, Oct 8: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Oct 9: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Oct 10: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Oct 6: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, Oct 7: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, sour cream
Wednesday, Oct 8: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Oct 9: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Oct 10: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Oct 6: Hamburger (OR) cheeseburger, BBQ baked beans, oven baked potato wedges, lettuce & tomato, pickle
Tuesday, Oct 7: Chicken & rice bowl, black bean salad, sour cream
Wednesday, Oct 8: Bulldog breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, Oct 9: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick
Friday, Oct 10: Munchie Mania Basket: crispy chicken tenders, warm whole grain pretzel, oven baked French fries, served w/honey mustard dipping sauce and fresh veggie sticks

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Oct 6: Crispy chicken bowl w/ mashed potato, corn, gravy & dinner roll or Shepherd's pie & dinner roll
Tuesday, Oct 7: Sloppy Joe, baked beans & fries
Wednesday, Oct 8: Bagel pizza & side salad
Thursday, Oct 9: Loaded buffalo chicken tater tots or shredded buffalo chicken sandwich & tater tots with carrot sticks
Friday, Oct 10: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

sippicanhistoricalsociety.org.

About the Sippican Historical Society: The Sippican Historical Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of Marion, Massachusetts. Through its collections, exhibits, and public programs, the society works to educate the public and foster an appreciation for the rich cultural heritage of the Sippican region.

From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society By Connie Eshbach

When I think about moonshine and rotgut liquor, which I assure you that I rarely do, I think of places like Arkansas or Tennessee with revenuers chasing old pickup trucks through the hills. In that scenario, Rochester never comes to mind. However, as I was looking through the diary of Annie Hartley Gurney written in 1920, I came across an interesting entry.

On May 26, 1920, she writes that the Acushnet constable, Mr. Gifford, stopped at the Hartley



This photograph shows the south end of Snipatuit Pond, with two rowboats just waiting for someone to take a trip. (Courtesy of Daniel MacKinnon.)

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home and along with him was a federal marshal and another man (maybe a revenuer). The men had been up to Snipatuit Pond and found a still. They asked Henry Hartley and the others who were out in the front yard, if they knew anything about it. The general consensus was that they had been suspicious of "the cottages up there for some time as trucks loaded with barrels had been seen going up."

Later the same day, Herbert Eddleston, Edwin and Greenwood Hartley went to check out the area, and they brought back two barrels of molasses, a partial barrel and ten empty barrels. The still was made of copper and there was a large jug of "the stuff" that was being produced.

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ACROSS

- 1 Dish list
5 Attorney —
10 Ties up with a broom
16 Even score
19 Salt Lake City team
20 Stock market disaster
21 Audrey of "Amélie"
22 Hostelry
23 Arrive like rain
25 Goof-ups
26 Many a pro bono TV ad
27 Enclose, as a yard
28 Fail to complete a task
31 Brand of candy wafers
34 Lose power
35 Considering everything
36 Become a responsibility for
44 Grove growth
45 1965-69 veep Humphrey
46 Simile center
47 "Veni," in English
49 Home of the Dolphins

- 50 Blow it when success is very close
57 Bitter conflicts
59 Totally wreck
60 Navy leader
61 "Ararat" actor Koteas
64 Indian queen
66 Escargot
67 Poking tools
71 Stop being noticed
75 Spyro — (jazz group)
76 Pipeline problems
78 Boat deck wood
79 Suddenly bright stars
81 Stray
84 Say a Hail Mary, say
86 Considered comparable
91 Collapse
95 Fierce look
96 Holy city of Islam
97 — Z (totally)
98 — Mae (loan offerer)
99 "Superfood" berry
102 Be overlooked
107 Flag sewer Ross

- 109 La.-to-Mich. dir.
110 Seize forcibly
111 Fizzle out, as an endeavor
116 New word
121 Bullfight cry
122 View with astonishment
123 Autumn foliage ... or what happens at the starts of eight answers in this puzzle?
126 Set- (sharp fights)
127 Car radiator protector
128 Baseball great Buck
129 Bubble maker
130 Rubble maker
131 Made tamperproof
132 Surprise attacks
133 Out of kilter

DOWN

- 1 Bungle
2 Raison d'—
3 Vegas light
4 Gomer Pyle's org.
5 Most sore, as muscles

- 6 With 32-Down, Dick Tracy's cover-up
7 — Vegas
8 Query
9 "— you do it?"
10 Baby on "Family Guy"
11 Time merged with it in 1990
12 Currency of Austria
13 Princely prep school
14 Left, at sea
15 Raw fish dish
16 Gratuity holder
17 Shoe part
18 Empower
24 Largest of the Canary Islands
29 Strange
30 Going into
32 See 6-Down
33 Kick out
36 Units of resistance
37 Opposite of day, in Dijon
38 Ski lift variety
39 Hot-rod engine
40 Oz lion portrayer Bert
41 Family gal
42 Bi- cubed

- 43 1982-2005 Saudi king
48 "— the word"
50 "Likely story!"
51 Cries of discovery
52 Perjurer, e.g.
53 Former U.N. head Kofi
54 Hauling cart on a farm
55 Jungle den
56 "— Enchanted"
58 "Xanadu" band, in brief
62 Astern
63 Curry of the NBA
65 Oath reply
67 Alan who played Pierce
68 Have a bawl
69 Soft rock?
70 Minor battle
72 Long-eared hopper
73 Rd. crossers
74 "Chi- —" (2015 Spike Lee film)
77 Fill up fully
80 Sweetums
82 Savoir faire
83 Engrave
85 "Awright!"
87 Penne — vodka
88 Bath powder

- 89 Actor Estrada
90 Poor grades
92 Road goo
93 An Aleutian island
94 — scale (mineral hardness gauge)
98 Executes a "Page Up," e.g.
99 — and Costello
100 Sri Lanka, formerly
101 Certify (to)
103 Red-tagged
104 Part of USA
105 H.S. proficiency exam
106 "The Father of Geometry" formerly
108 Safe robbers, in slang
112 Suffix with silver or table
113 Capital of Samoa
114 Give a whoop
115 Get an — effort
117 Apollo's org.
118 State bluntly
119 Apparatus
120 Glimpse
124 Comedian Gasteyer
125 Luau handout

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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone has some suggestions to offer regarding your new project. You might find them helpful. Remember to avoid speculation and stick with just the facts, Lamb.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An old friend suddenly reappears. Whether this proves to be a boon or a bane in the Bovine's life depends on the reason for this surprising reappearance. Be cautious.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Vital information finally emerges, allowing you to make an important personal decision. You can now move your focus to an upcoming professional development.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might not like seeing so many on-the-job changes. But some of them could open up new opportunities for the Moon Child's talents to shine to your best advantage.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) An apparently solid-gold opportunity beckons the Lion. But check to see if all that dazzle isn't just a sprinkling of surface glitter before making a commitment.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A close friend could offer advice on how to handle a difficult family matter. But in the end, the decision has to be made based on what is best for you and those you love.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Family problems are best worked out with all those concerned contributing suggestions that will ease tensions. Stay with it until a workable solution is found.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Expect to hear more about an offer that has piqued your interest. You earn respect for insisting on solid facts, not just a fancy talk about potential opportunities.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) What seemed to be a reasonable workplace request might need to be defended. Don't fret. You have both the facts and a surprise ally on your side.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A bit of capriciousness might be just what you need. Plan to kick up your heels in a round of fun and games with family and friends this weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Although some of your plans might have to be put on hold, things do begin to take a turn for the better by midweek. Your financial crunch also eases.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your financial picture begins to brighten by week's end. There are also favorable changes in your personal life. Someone you care for has good news to report.

BORN THIS WEEK: You seek balance, but not at the expense of justice. You would make a fine judge or do great with humanitarian work.

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All of this was loaded onto a pickup truck and Henry drove it over to the Gifford's. As Annie says at the end of this entry, "The day has been rather exciting."

Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

The Elizabeth Taber Library will remain closed on Sundays for the remainder of 2025.

On Wednesday, **October 8** at 11:00 am The Cozy Cup Book Club will be discussing Rita Mae Brown's *Claws for Alarm*. As always there is free tea and coffee. Copies are available at the circulation desk in the Library. Registration requested.

Join us in welcoming Jeff Belanger back to the Elizabeth Taber Library with *Wicked Strange New England: Your Guide to Ghosts, Monsters, Oddities and Urban Legends from New England*, Friday **October 10** at 6:00 pm. Copies of Jeff's newest work will be available for purchase during the program. No Registration required.

The Banned Book Club will meet at the Library on Tuesday **October 14** at 6:00 pm to discuss the horror classic *Dracula* by Bram Stoker. All are welcome to attend, find copies available at the circulation desk.

The Elizabeth Taber Library is hosting author Gwendolyn Wallace for a reading and author talk on Saturday, **October 4** at 1:00 pm. Gwendolyn is the author of picture books *Joy Takes Root*, *The Light She Feels Inside*, and *Dancing with Water*. This program is best for



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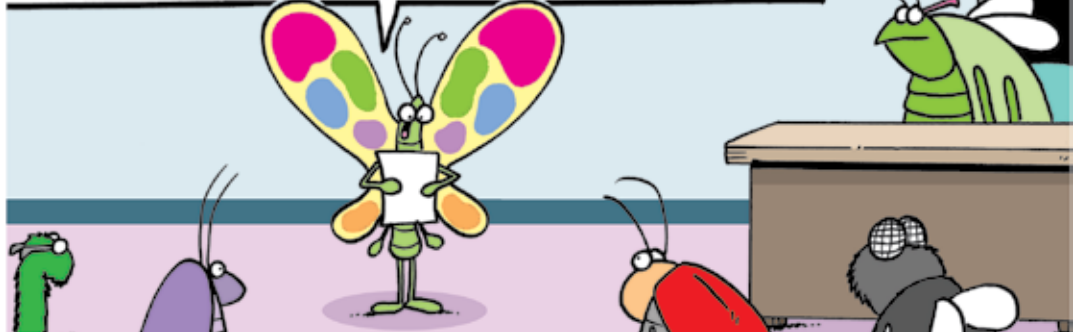
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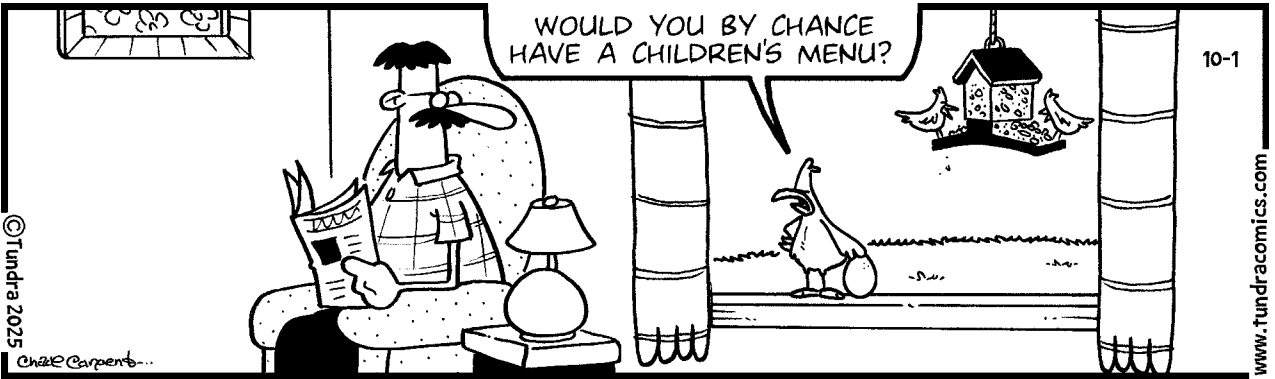
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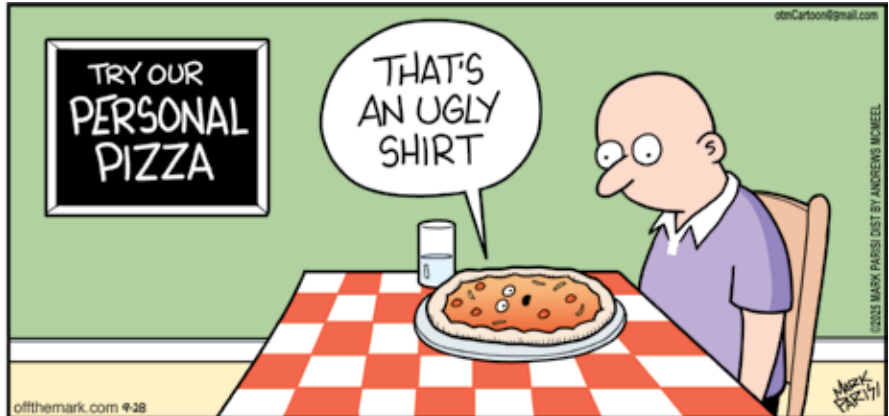


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kids ages 5+ and their grownups - but all are welcome.

The Elizabeth Taber Library will close at 12:00 pm on Friday, **October 3** for an all staff meeting.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org or email the library at ETLibrary@sailsinc.org. 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

Hello from Plumb Library

Let's look ahead to October. We have some interesting events on the schedule, and we'd love for you to join us. More information and links for registration can be found on our Events Calendar on our website www.plumblibrary.com.

Boards and Cards: Games for Adults. Are you a grown-up gamer? Join us for a social get-together from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm Saturday **October 11**. Bring a game to share or play one provided by our game masters. If you have a special interest in Magic: The Gathering, you should definitely stop by.

The Dangerous Art of Chainsaw Sculpture: 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm Saturday **October 18**. Master Chainsaw Carver Jesse Green will be here to talk about his new book, as well as his 20-year long career as a commissioned artist. View photos, hear stories, ask questions. Jesse's book "Chainsaws, Cheeseburgers, and Rock 'n' Roll" will be available for sale and signing. This program is geared toward adults, but all ages are welcome. Registration is

required, as space is limited.

Bead Therapy Workshop with ZMakesBeads: 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Monday **October 20**. Join us for this expressive arts workshop on beading basics. Learn about precious and semi-precious stones, their history in jewelry making, and their healing and grounding qualities. Participants will create beaded pieces to take home. This free workshop is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Adults 18+ only, registration is required and space is limited.

Board of Trustees Meeting: 6:30 pm Monday **October 6**. The meeting is open to the public. The agenda is posted on the Town of Rochester's website.

Annual Friends Meeting: Want to learn more about the Friends of the Library? Come to the annual meeting at 6:00 pm Thursday **October 9**. All are welcome. Volunteers and board members needed.

The Friends of the Library Savers Clothing & Book Drive. Saturday **October 11**. The Savers truck will be in our parking lot. Just drive up and drop off your bagged clothing, shoes, and soft household goods or boxed books. All items should be in resale condition. Proceeds from this event benefit the Friends of the Library.

Writer's Group: 6:30 pm Thursday **October 16**. New members always welcome, adults 18+ please. Writing prompts are provided, sharing is encouraged, refreshments served.

Book clubs: The COA Group 1:00 pm Tuesday

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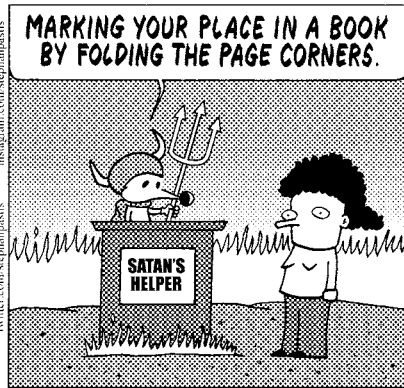
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If you have questions regarding property values and abatements please contact the Assessor's Office at 508-763-3871 ext.3. 10/2, 10/9 ----- TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by The Deborah J. Chapman Living Trust. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information. The Applicant proposes to construct a single-family dwelling and perform associated site work. The proposed work will be performed within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (El. 17 & 19). The property is located on Nashawena Road which is further identified as Lot #107 on Assessors Map #15A. 10/2 ----- TOWN OF MARION SELECT BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Marion Select Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm, at the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street, to address a complaint concerning a dog owned by Angela Brodeur, 116 Dexter Road, Marion. Randy L. Parker, Chair 10/2, 10/9 -----	TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 15C & Chapter 87, Section 3-5, you are hereby notified of a public hearing. The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday October 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm, to review a Scenic Way Tree Removal Request as follows: The Tree Warden seeks a permit from the Tree Warden and consent of the Planning Board to cut and remove 160 trees with various DBH ranging from 1.5" to 36" that have been deemed hazardous by Eversource and the Town of Mattapoisett. The full list of the requested trees to be removed can be found at the Town Clerk and Planning Board Offices. The trees are located within designated scenic public ways (North Street, Crystal Spring Road, Wolf Island Road, Long Plain Road, Acushnet Road, and River Road). Publication is posted upon the tree(s) requested to be removed. This meeting will be held at the Fire Station Conference Room, 62 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom. See meeting notice to be posted by October 16, 2025 for zoom instructions. All persons, parties, or corporations interested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto. Thomas Tucker, Chairman 10/2, 10/9 ----- TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 9, you are hereby notified of a public hearing. The Mattapoisett Planning Board will hold a hearing on Monday October 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm, to review a Site Plan Review as follows: Submitted by: Sonal Patel Property owner: Krishi Krishan Corp. Represented by: Prime Engineering Scope of Work: Expansion of existing motel by construction of 2 rows of 12 units Location: 92 Marion Road & 0 Marion Road Off Map 5 Lots 142 & 143 This meeting will be held at the Fire Station Conference Room, 62 County Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and over zoom. See meeting notice to be posted by October 16, 2025 for zoom instructions. All persons, parties, or corporations in-	terested therein may appear and be heard in relation thereto. Thomas Tucker, Chairman 10/2, 10/9 ----- TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING #1226 Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of William Flaherty III, for property located at 45 Williams Way, identified on Assessor's Map 30A, Lot 25E, who is seeking a Variance for the proposed construction of a detached garage greater than 1,000 sq ft and a Variance for the proposed garage location being in the front yard, pursuant to Chapter 20.40, Section E.2., of the Rochester Zoning By-Laws. The public hearing will be on Thursday, October 23rd, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA. Donald Spirllet, Chairman 10/2, 10/9 ----- TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT PLANNING BOARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40 Section 15C & Chapter 87, Section 3-5, you are hereby notified of a public hearing. 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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



October 21 at the Council on Aging to discuss "The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post" by Allison Pataki; Books and Babble 6:30 pm Thursday **October 30** at the Library to discuss "Vampires of El Norte" by Isabel Canas. Books are available at the desk.

Please note: the Library will be closed on Monday **October 13** for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day.

Library hours: Monday/Thursday 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Tuesday/Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; closed Sundays and Holidays. Contact us: call 508-763-8600 or email at info@plumblibrary.com during regular hours. Want to stay up-to-date on monthly Library happenings? Ask to be added to our Newsletter email list, or check out our Events Calendar, Facebook, and Instagram pages.

October Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Our four-week Fall Yoga Series continues on Thursday, **October 2** and **October 9**, at 11:00 am. There will be no yoga on October 16. The class concludes on **October 23** at 11:00 am. Stretch, unwind, and relax with a beginner-friendly yoga flow series. This adaptable experience suits all ability levels. Class will be held outside, weather permitting. Please dress accordingly. No registration is required.

Join local attorney Amy Mello at the library on Saturday, **October 4**, at 2:00 pm for an introduction to estate planning. Attorney Mello lives in Mattapoisett and enjoys practicing law on the South Coast. She provides a wide variety of professional and comprehensive services to individuals, families, businesses, and organizations. This informative event is free and open to all. No registration required.

We're celebrating the spooky season all October long with our Frightfully Fun Film Festival every Tuesday. These free, outdoor movie screenings will be held on the library's lawn, weather permitting. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs, and spooky spirit as we welcome Boris Karloff's 1931 classic "Frankenstein" back to the big screen on **October 7** at 6:00 pm. All ages welcome - no registration required.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 8**, at 6 pm. All are welcome to attend. A Zoom link to the meeting is available upon request. If you have any questions, please contact the library at mfp1@sailsinc.org. We can pass along your message to the Friends.

The Friends are still accepting jewelry donations. If you have gently used or unworn jewelry or accessories you'd like to donate, the Friends would love to take them off your hands. Please drop these items off at the circulation desk by November 16. Thank you. Your contributions are appreciated and will help support future library events.

Our Frightfully Fun Film Festival resumes on Tuesday, **October 14** at 6:00 pm with the 1968 Family Comedy "Blackbeard's Ghost." The fun continues on

Tuesday, **October 21** at 6:00 pm, with the 1966 Comedy-Horror film "The Ghost and Mr. Chicken." Feel free to come early and get comfortable on the library's lawn. Bring blankets and lawn chairs—weather permitting—no registration required.

We're hosting a free poetry event, featuring local and area poets, on Sunday, **October 19** at 2:00 pm in the library's large meeting room. All are welcome to join us for light refreshments and a joyous celebration of the written and spoken word - no registration necessary.

Join us for our Board Game Club's first meeting on Tuesday, **October 21**, at 6:00 pm. Our first game is "Trekking the National Parks," a friendly competition featuring North American National Parks. Camp at parks, collect stones, and earn the most victory points to win. This game is recommended for two to five players. Space is limited. Register on the library's website to save your spot. *Please arrive 15 to 30 minutes early to review the rules if you've never played before.

The Well-Read Wednesdays Nonfiction Book Group meets on the Fourth Wednesday of every month in the Marine Room. The next meeting is scheduled for **October 22** at 6:00 pm. We will discuss *The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook* by Hampton Sides. New members are always welcome. No registration required.

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By Fifi Rodriguez

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2. MOVIES: Which actor narrates the 1980s film "Stand by Me"?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which world city is home to Saint Basil's Cathedral?
4. U.S. CITIES: Which major U.S. city sits on top of a working salt mine that has been operating since 1910?
5. LITERATURE: What is the name of the country where "The Hunger Games" takes place?
6. MATH: How many sides does a trapezoid have?
7. ASTRONOMY: How long does it take for light from the Sun to reach Earth?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs does a lobster have?
9. TELEVISION: Which TV drama always begins with a meeting and the warning, "Let's be careful out there"?
10. LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the English alphabet?

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- Answers
1. A horse.
2. Richard Dreyfuss.
3. Moscow, Russia.
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Our Frightfully Fun Film Festival Finale takes place in the large meeting room on Tuesday, **October 28**, at 5:30 pm, featuring live music by Jeff Rapis. Long before Andrew Lloyd Webber created the hit stage musical, the 1925 silent film adaptation of "The Phantom of the Opera," starring Lon Chaney, helped place 'Phantom' firmly in the pantheon of both horror and romance. See it if you dare. No registration required.

Drop by the library on Tuesday, **October 28**, at 6:00 pm for the next Sippizine writing group. Bring your favorite writing accessories (e.g., paper, pen, computer) and get ready for the spark as ideas pop up in this creative writing session. No registration required.

Join us for Estate Planning 101 with Fall River attorney, Jane E. Sullivan, on Wednesday, **October 29** at 6 pm for an introduction to organizing your finances, starting a will, and planning your estate. Attorney Sullivan established her own Estate Planning and Elder Law practice in Fall River in 1996 because she recognized the need for prompt, personalized estate planning services. This educational event is free and open to the public; no registration required.

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Marion Special Fall Town Meeting

The Marion Special Fall Town Meeting will now be held on Monday, **November 24**, at 6:45 pm in the Sippican School Multipurpose Room.

The Select Board will close the warrant at their Tuesday, **October 7** meeting which will be held at the Marion Police Department Conference Room, 550 Mill Street at 6:00 pm.

We will host an informational Town Meeting Review, date and time to be determined.

ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association

The ORR Bulldog Pride Alumni Association (BPAA) announces the 3rd Annual Alumni Weekend. Organized around the annual Homecoming game, the parallel events will be held on Friday, **October 17** and



Saturday, **October 18**.

Homecoming and Alumni Weekend 2025 is an opportunity for past students and graduates of ORRJHS and ORRHS to reconvene in proud support of our schools, and to establish an outlet for alumni and friends to volunteer and contribute resources in service to students, teachers, and staff. School pride is the nexus for our efforts, and we know that graduates of ORR are immensely proud of their experience. The program of events is open to all ORRJHS and ORRHS alumni and friends of ORR, an all-class experience that hopes to bring together the common alumni experience spanning over seven decades from the Class of '62 to the Class of '25.

Local businesses have contributed to helping us in our fundraising efforts. Your support of the following businesses helps the BPAA to build the alumni network, support students and families of the ORR community and foster service to the school.

For Alumni Weekend 2025, the BPAA is committed to exceeding last year's fundraising goal of \$4,000. For 2025-2026, the BPAA intends to award \$5,000 in scholarships and also plans to launch a grant program for student groups, totalling over \$7,000 in financial gifts from small and large donations, earned primarily through the fundraising efforts during Alumni Weekend. This will allow BPAA funds to reach the wider ORR community by supporting projects and experiences for all students.



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"Friday Night Lights" Social, Join us to celebrate the Bulldogs at The Stowaway in Mattapoisett, an alumni-owned business. The event starts immediately following the game. Complimentary light refreshments will be served. Special cocktails will be on the menu, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the BPAA.

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Reuben Wood Jr	October 2
Hadley Elizabeth Long	October 3
Jacob Plante	October 3
Nancy Lambalot	October 3
William Winters Jr	October 3
Bob Field	October 4
Jeannine Duchaine	October 4
John F. Camacho	October 4
Laura Pedulli	October 4
Pam Tripp	October 4
Cary LeBlanc	October 5
Cheryl Sweeney	October 5
Kevin Porter	October 5
Aidan M. Perez	October 6
Catherine Ball	October 7
Jaeleigh Black	October 7
Louise Bastarache	October 7
Taylor Mello Rouille	October 7
Debbi Dyson	October 8
Erica Lynn Murphy	October 8
Madisen Martin	October 8
Mari Daly	October 8
Nolan J. Lombard	October 8

If you would like *The Wanderer* to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



in supporting our efforts, reach out to the BPAA at bulldogpridealumassoc@gmail.com. Please consider making a donation in the name of an ORR grad. Go Bulldogs.

Marion Natural History Museum

Early Life History of Humpback Whales, Friday **October 10**, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, Marion Natural History Museum, 8 Spring Street, Marion, \$10.00 donation to the Museum is much appreciated. Humpback whale mothers give birth in the Caribbean and travel with their babies to New England waters to feed each summer. This talk will dive into the world of young calves and juveniles of Humpback whales. Associate Professor Kathryn Kavanaugh and doctoral student Eman Khwaja will share some recent research on humpback whale behavior. They study the reproductive and developmental biology of vertebrates including whales. They will share current studies of the humpback whale population - in particular related to maternal care and life history. Please register through the Museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org

Nature Journaling Workshop - An introduction - **October 11**, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. Meet at Washburn Park, Marion, A donation to the museum of \$10.00 would keep the program going. Join us as we learn different techniques to journal our natural world. Tricia owns and operates The Art & Nature Studio and teaches Art and Science illustration workshops. She has taught Nature Sketching and Journaling workshops for a variety of organizations in addition to ours including: the Wildlands Trust, the Soule Homestead, Clark University, and Bridgewater State University. She has a degree in Biology and Science Illustration from Bridgewater State University as well as a Certificate in Natural Science Illustration from the Rhode Island School of Design. She is also a long-time member of the Guild of Natural Science Illustrators. We hope to offer a few workshops to help us develop confidence to keep us engaged with nature and learn sketching and journaling skills to convey our observations of nature. No experience with art necessary. Please register for the program at the museum's website: www.marionmuseum.org

New programs are being added frequently so keep an eye on our website.

Fall Migrants and Winter Arrivals at Old Aucoot

Join the Mattapoissett Land Trust and the Nasketucket Bird Club on Saturday **September 27** at 8:00 am for an early morning birding adventure. This birding walk will be led by Michael Labossiere from the Nasketucket Bird Club. It will be an easy relaxed morning in the woods and field and a wonderful opportunity to learn about local birdlife. Let's see who is setting up residence for the winter in the woods along Old Slough Road and in the meadow at Grace Pond.

The walk will take place at MLT's Old Aucoot District at Grace Pond. Meet at 8:00 am at the brand new MLT parking area at the end of Bowman Road near Grace Pond. Bring your binoculars and dress appropriately for the outdoors, including sturdy footwear. This is a free event open to all. Hope to see you there. Email Sarah at manager@mattlandtrust.org with any questions.

ORR Alumni Trail Race

The Old Rochester Regional (ORR) community is gearing up for the 2nd Annual ORR Alumni Trail Race, taking place on Monday, **October 13** at 9:00 am at scenic Washburn Park in Marion. Runners, walkers, and supporters of all levels are invited to participate in this exciting event, with all proceeds benefiting the Old Rochester cross country and track and field teams.

Following the success of last year's inaugural race, which raised over \$500, the ORR Alumni Trail Race aims to continue its tradition of fostering community spirit and supporting student-athletes. The racecourse offers a picturesque trail run, perfect for alumni, current students, family members, and local running enthusiasts.

Registration and information available at: runsignup.com/Race/MA/Marion/ORRAlumniTrailRace

Proceeds from the race will directly support the ORR cross country and track and field programs, helping to provide equipment, uniforms, and other opportunities for student-athletes.

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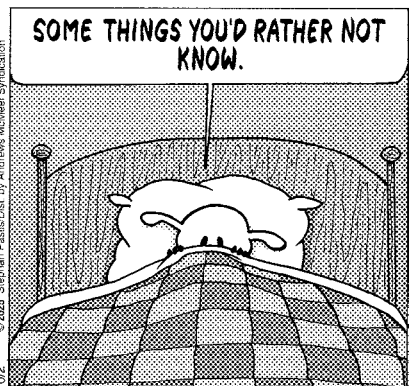
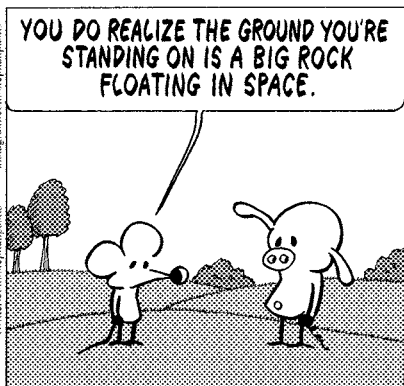
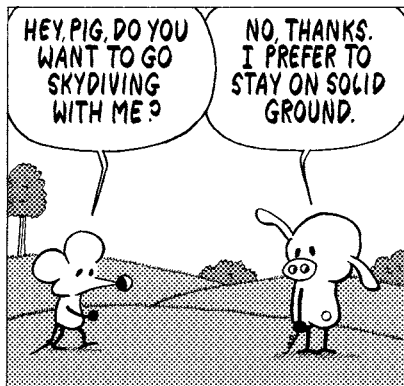
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



Whether you're a seasoned runner or looking to reconnect with the ORR community, the Alumni Trail Race is a great way to stay active and support a great cause.

Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

The Town of Mattapoisett will be holding a Special Town Meeting on Saturday, **October 4** at 1:00 pm. This meeting will be held at Old Rochester Regional High School, 135 Marion Road. Voter check-in will begin at 12:00 pm. Please plan to arrive early to help avoid long lines. The warrant for the Special Town Meeting is posted on the town website. Copies are also available at Town Hall during normal business hours. Please call or email the Town Clerk's Office with any questions at 508-758-4100 x2.

Community Preservation Act Application Funding

The Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee will be accepting project funding applications for Committee consideration and presentation at the Spring 2026 Annual Town Meeting. The Project Application and guidelines will be available on the Town Website and in paper form at the Select Board's Office on October 6. Submit Completed applications by November 7, 2025, to: Mattapoisett Community Preservation Act Committee, c/o Mattapoisett Select Board Office, PO Box 435, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Each project request must be submitted to the CPA Committee using the Project Application Form. Nine



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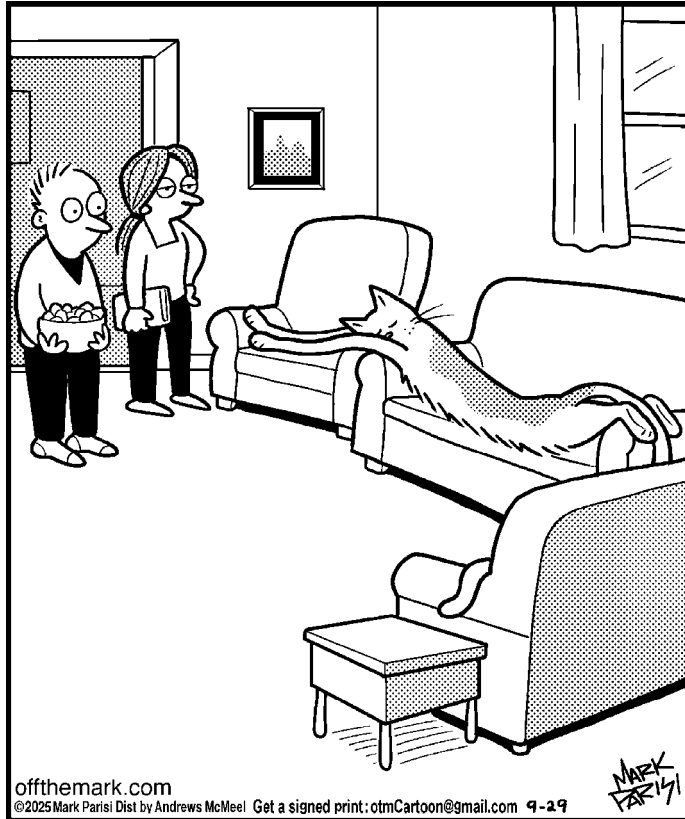
(9) copies of the application package must be provided to the Committee. For information and questions email cwmccullough@comcast.net.

Fall Free Family Fun Festival

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, Annual Fall Free Family Fun Festival will take place at Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett on Saturday, **November 1**, from noon until 4:00 pm, rain date Saturday, November 8.

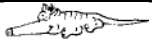
Fall Free Family Fun Festival will include hayrides around town, goody bag and pumpkin for each child, pumpkin patch, pumpkin bowling, pin the nose on the pumpkin, face painting, positive fortune telling, coloring station, music, Mattapoisett Fire Department fire truck and fire fighters, refreshments, and more, all free No registration required.

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Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	October 2	4:09	4:39	10:18	11:21
Friday	October 3	5:11	5:37	11:18	11:56
Saturday	October 4	6:05	6:29		12:08
Sunday	October 5	6:54	7:16	12:31	12:55
Monday	October 6	7:41	8:03	1:07	1:43
Tuesday	October 7	8:27	8:51	1:46	2:32
Wednesday	October 8	9:15	9:40	2:28	3:22
Thursday	October 9	10:04	10:32	3:12	4:12
Friday	October 10	10:57	11:27	3:58	5:02
Saturday	October 11	11:54		4:45	6:00
Sunday	October 12	12:26	12:56	5:36	7:47
Monday	October 13	1:28	2:00	6:36	9:29
Tuesday	October 14	2:30	3:05	8:11	10:35
Wednesday	October 15	3:34	4:10	10:25	11:25
Thursday	October 16	4:39	5:14	11:26	
Friday	October 17	5:39	6:08	12:03	12:08
Saturday	October 18	6:30	6:54	12:30	12:41
Sunday	October 19	7:14	7:34	12:49	1:12
Phases of the Moon		Full Moon		October 6th	
		Last Quarter		October 13th	
		New Moon		October 21st	
		First Quarter		October 29th	



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

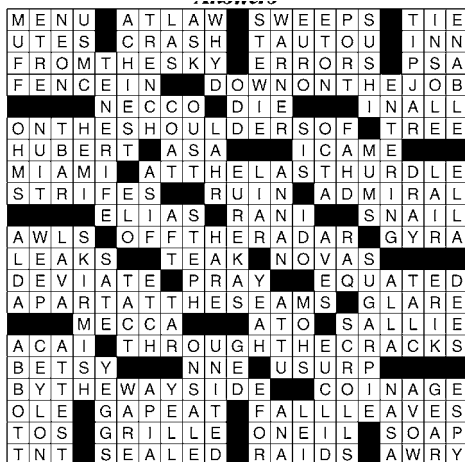
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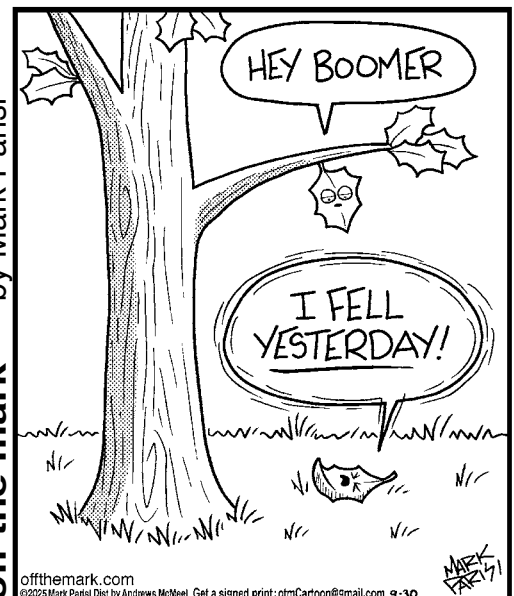
solution

1. Mutant; 2. Tingle;
3. Novice; 4. Demise

Today's Word
LISTENING

Sudoku Answer

7	4	8	2	3	5	6	9	1
1	2	6	8	4	9	5	3	7
9	5	3	7	6	1	8	2	4
3	1	7	6	5	2	4	8	9
4	9	5	3	8	7	2	1	6
8	6	2	9	1	4	7	5	3
2	8	9	1	7	6	3	4	5
6	3	4	5	9	8	1	7	2
5	7	1	4	2	3	9	6	8

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off the mark

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